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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/63/649)*]

63/266. Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2010–2011

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, in which it requested the Secretary-General to submit in off-budget years an outline of the proposed programme budget for the following biennium,

Reaffirming also section VI of its resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990,

Reaffirming further rule 153 of its rules of procedure,

Recalling its resolution 58/269 of 23 December 2003,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2010–2011[1] and the recommendations contained in the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters;

2. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Reaffirms* that the proposed programme budget outline shall contain an indication of the following:

(*a*) A preliminary estimate of resources needed to accommodate the proposed programme of activities during the biennium;

(*b*) Priorities, reflecting general trends of a broad sectoral nature;

(*c*) Real growth, positive or negative, compared with the previous budget;

[1] A/63/600.

[2] A/63/622.

(*d*) Size of the contingency fund expressed as a percentage of the overall level of resources;

4. *Also reaffirms* that the budget outline should provide a greater level of predictability of resources required for the following biennium and promote greater involvement of Member States in the budgetary process, thereby facilitating the broadest possible agreement on the programme budget;

5. *Further reaffirms* that the budget proposals of the Secretary-General should reflect resource levels commensurate with mandates for their full, efficient and effective implementation;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to include in the proposed budget outline and in the proposed programme budget, provisions for expenditures for special political missions related to peace and security that are expected to be extended or approved in the course of the biennium;

7. *Stresses* that the budget outline is a preliminary estimate of resources;

8. *Invites* the Secretary-General to prepare his proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010–2011 on the basis of a preliminary estimate of 4,871,048,700 United States dollars at revised 2008–2009 rates;

9. *Notes* that the preliminary estimates provided by the Secretary-General for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010–2011 do not include provisions for the implementation of those requirements that are under discussion by the General Assembly and that the requirements pertinent to the regular budget should be reflected in the programme budget for the biennium 2010–2011, subject to approval by the Assembly and in accordance with its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987;

10. *Welcomes* the information contained in paragraph 8 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and in the annex thereto;[2]

11. *Notes* the additional information provided in the annex to the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to provide similar information in an annex to future budget outlines;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in the report on special political missions an annex containing an updated estimate of the total budget for special political missions for the biennium 2010–2011 for consideration by the General Assembly at the beginning of its sixty-fourth session based on updated projected needs and without prejudging the decisions of the relevant legislative organs of the United Nations;

13. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to include, in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010–2011, the total amount of resources that he should have at his disposal, from all sources of financing, in order to implement fully all mandated programmes and activities;

14. *Emphasizes* that the proposed programme budget outline should be submitted sufficiently early in order to be able to serve as a practical tool in the budget preparation process, and, in this regard, requests the Secretary-General to issue future budget outlines at least thirty days prior to their scheduled introduction, but no later than 15 November of the off-budget year;

15. *Decides* that the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010–2011 shall contain provisions for recosting on the basis of the existing methodology;

16. *Reaffirms* that the budget outline should be submitted in accordance with the priorities set by the General Assembly;

17. *Decides* that the priorities for the biennium 2010–2011 shall be the following:

(*a*) Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences;

(*b*) Maintenance of international peace and security;

(*c*) Development of Africa;

(*d*) Promotion of human rights;

(*e*) Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts;

(*f*) Promotion of justice and international law;

(*g*) Disarmament;

(*h*) Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations;

18. *Notes* that the preliminary indicative estimates contained in the present budget outline do not track precisely the priorities of the General Assembly in certain areas, including in the areas of development;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to reflect the priorities outlined in paragraph 17 above when presenting the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010–2011;

20. *Notes* that the budget proposal will reflect the benefit of further reviews of possible obsolete activities, additional cost-effective measures and simplified procedures and, in this regard, requests the Secretary-General to rigorously pursue this in accordance with regulation 5.6 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation,[3] and established practices;

21. *Decides* that the contingency fund shall be set at the level of 0.75 per cent of the preliminary estimate, namely, at 36,532,900 dollars, that this amount shall be in addition to the overall level of the preliminary estimate, and that it shall be used in accordance with the procedures for the use and operation of the contingency fund.

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[3] ST/SGB/2000/8.